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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR. FAZIO.

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DATE: 25 SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAM--ANTI CORRUPTION DEMONSTRATIONS

ROMAN CATHOLICS IN HUE REPORTEDLY STAGED ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION TODAY TO PROTEST ALLEGED GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION. THE POLICE, WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN ORDERS TO ACT WITH MODERATION IN DEALING WITH BUDDHIST OR CATHOLIC ACTIVITY, APPARENTLY STAYED AWAY. THERE ARE NO FIRM FIGURES ON THE SIZE OF THE CROWD; THE ORGANIZER OF THE PROTEST HAS PLACED IT AT OVER 100,000.

THE CATHOLIC RALLY FOLLOWS LAST NIGHT'S LAUNCHING OF A NATIONAL RECONCILIATION MOVEMENT BY BUDDHISTS IN SAIGON. A QUASI-POLITICAL ENTITY THAT WILL BE MILDLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT IN CHARACTER. THE NEW FRONT HAS CALLED ON BOTH THE COMMUNISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO REACH A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR. CATHOLIC SUPPORTERS OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR A WEEK TO ARRANGE ANOTHER

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THE SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN SOME WILLINGNESS IN RECENT WEEKS TO WARM THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

THE SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY RESUMED SOME ARMS DELIVERIES TO EGYPT.

NEVERTHELESS, CERTAIN DIFFERENCES WILL HAVE TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE A SUMMIT CAN MATERIALIZE. PDGORY APPARENTLY DID NOT MENTION WHERE THE SUMMIT SHOULD BE HELD. SADAT UNTIL NOW HAS INSISTED THAT BREZHNEV COME TO CAIRO--A JOURNEY BREZHNEV HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO MAKE. MOREOVER, SADAT'S NEW EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTH YEMEN AND CAIRO'S OVERALL INFLUENCE IN THE GULF REGION PROMISE TO EXACERDATE FRICTINS IN SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. THE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA DURING EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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DEMONSTRATION IN SAIGON, WHICH THEY HOPE TO HOLD ON EITHER MONDAY OR THURSDAY. LEADERS APPARENTLY PLAN TO CARRY BANNERS AND POSTERS INSCRIBED WITH ANTI-GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-CORRUPTION SLOGANS.

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